

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0066401-01-0

Permittee: Didion Ethanol LLC, PO Box 495, Cambria, WI 53923

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Didion Milling Inc - Ethanol Plant, N7088 State Hwy 146

Receiving Water and Location: discharges are directed to stormwater ponds (one east of the ethanol plant and the other north of Cabbage Road) that overflow to a wetland west of the plants that eventually drains to the North Branch of Duck Creek, located in the Duck Creek-Wisconsin River Watershed in the Lower Wisconsin River Basin

Brief Facility Description The Didion Ethanol and Corn Milling Plants in Cambria are proposing new surface water discharges of reverse osmosis retentate. At the ethanol plant, a portion of the well water from two private wells travels through a media filter and a reverse osmosis (RO) system before being used in boilers, as cooling tower makeup water, and in the corn oil separators. The supply water is being treated by reverse osmosis to remove naturally occurring hardness in the groundwater (mostly calcium). Didion Ethanol plans to discharge the RO retentate into a stormwater pond east of the ethanol plant. Currently, the retentate from the reverse osmosis machine is heated and reused in the fermentation process.

At the Corn Milling plant, as part of the new mill construction project, intake water is furnished by the Village of Cambria municipal water supply. A portion of the supply water feeds the boiler. The mill boiler supply water will be treated by reverse osmosis to remove naturally occurring hardness in the intake water (mostly calcium). The RO retentate from the Corn Milling RO system will discharge to a second stormwater pond north of Cabbage Road.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brenda Howald, DNR, SCR Headquarters, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 275-3285, brenda.howald@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 275-3321, Tanner.Connors@Wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued for this new discharge.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: **February 13, 2019, 1:00 pm, Cambria Community Center, 115 W Edgewater St, Cambria, WI 53923**

Hearing Officer, Name, Address, City/State/Zip, and Phone: **Tim Ryan, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 275-3277**

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this new discharge.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin

engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 275-3285 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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